

Administrative Office of the Courts

New Portola Courthouse

Public Comment Meeting

May 10, 2007

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Purpose of CEQA Public Meeting
- Project Contact Information
- Description of Proposed Project
- Summary of CEQA Document
- Initial Study Process and Schedule
- Comments from the Public and Agencies



Purpose of CEQA Public Meeting

- Inform public of project
- Provide opportunity for public to comment on the Initial Study
- Discuss potential impacts and mitigation measures for potential significant environmental impacts



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Description of Proposed Project

- Construction of a new courthouse with 1 courtroom (approximately 6,500 square feet)
 - Modern courthouse facilities
 - Expanded facilities to meet existing needs
 - Improved courthouse parking & access
 - Enhanced courthouse security



Existing Portola Branch Courthouse vs. Proposed Courthouse

Existing Courthouse

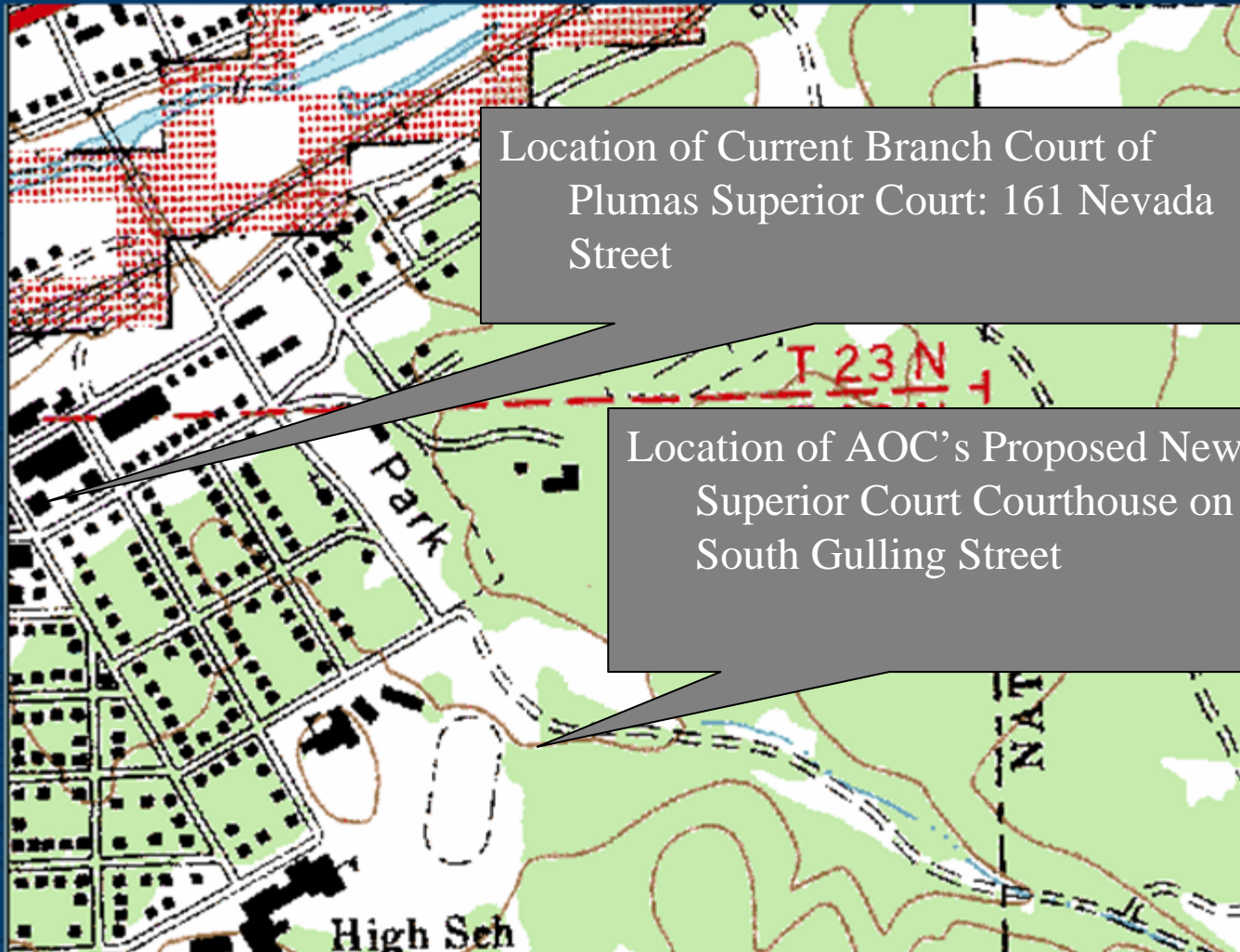
- One-story building
- Nevada St. address
- 1,140 square feet
- 1 courtroom
- 0 parking spaces

New Courthouse

- One-story building
- Gulling St. address
- 6,500 square feet
- 1 courtroom
- ~20 parking spaces

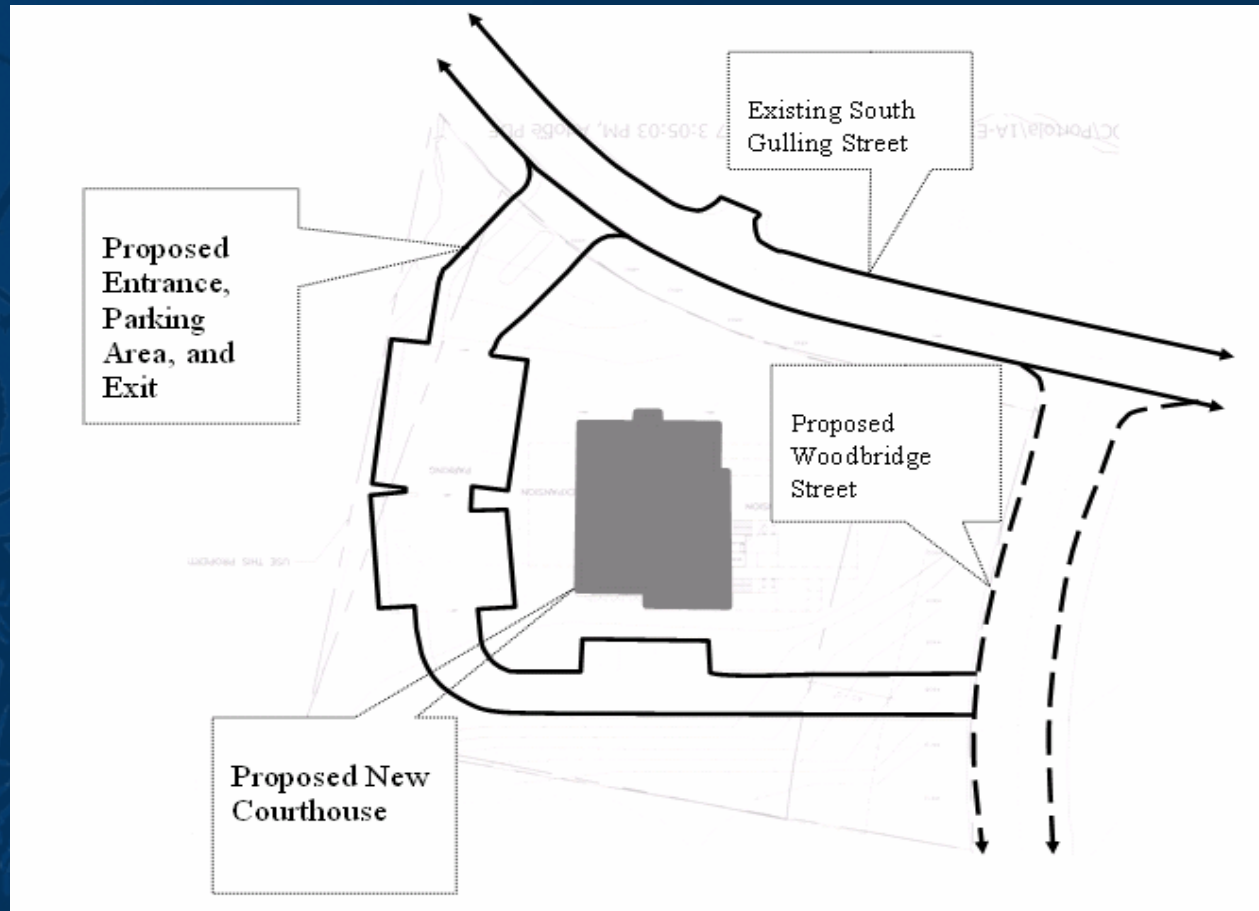


Locations of Existing & Proposed Courthouses



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Proposed Project



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Potential Significant Impacts

- Air Quality—Potential exposure to air pollutants (dust) during construction
- Biological Resources—Possible damage to potential wetlands during construction
- Hazards—Possible exposure of people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildfires
- Noise—Potential construction noise and ground-borne vibration during construction from heavy vehicles and equipment
- Transportation—Potential increase in hazards due to a design feature



Mitigation Measures to Reduce Potential Significant Impacts

- Air Quality—Water/stabilize dust areas, locate staging areas away from sensitive receptors, and cover construction hauling vehicles
- Biological Resources—exclude construction from wetlands area
- Hazards—Incorporate “Fire Safe” construction features and a defensible space landscaping design
- Noise—Schedule construction activities to minimize noise impacts, locate staging areas away from sensitive receptors, maintain equipment, and use equipment with mufflers
- Transportation—Raise driveway’s topographic elevation to ensure a clear view of traffic



Other Non-Significant Impacts

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology & Soils
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Noise
- Transportation
- Utilities & Service Systems
- Mandatory Findings of Significance



Environmental Process and Schedule



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Public Comment and Question Period



Written Comments

Send written comments to:

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